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SUBJ: MAKARIOS MEETING WITH SECRETARY

REF: NICOSIA 1457

1. FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES TELEPHONED CHARGE THIS MORNING "TO EXPRESS DEEP REGRET" OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS REGARDING IN-ACCURATE STORY IN TODAY'S PHILELEFTHEROS CONCERNING FORTHCOMING MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY. CHRISTOPHIDES SAID THAT HIS BEATITUDE WAS "DISTRESSED" BY STATEMENT THAT MEETING AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE SECRETARY AND WISHED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE PHILELEFTHEROS STORY HAD NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED. CHRISTOPHIDES ADDED THAT GOC HOPED ANY ANNOUNCEMENT ON MEETING COMING OUT OF WASHINGTON WOULD NOT BE EMBARRASSING TO ARCHBISHOP.

2. CHARGE REPLIED HE WAS GLAD TO HAVE THIS ASSURANCE THAT GOC RECOGNIZED MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY WAS AT REQUEST OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, NOT AS STATED BY PHILELEFTHEROS, AND AGREED THAT THERE WAS INDEED POTENTIAL FOR EMBARRASSMENT. CHARGE SAID EMBASSY WOULD COMMUNICATE HIS BEATITUDE'S SENTIMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT AT ONCE.

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3. COMMENT: THIS PRIVATE DISCLAIMER WAS PROBABLY RESULT OF OUR
HAVING LET GOC PIO (CHRISTODOULOU) KNOW THAT PORTRAYAL OF MAKARIOS-
SECRETARY MEETING AS USG-INSPIRED WOULD RESULT IN CONTRADICTION
ONCE OUR OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE. AS YET WE DO NOT KNOW IF
THIS MORNING'S BACKDOWN WILL BE MATCHED BY CLARIFICATION FOR
LOCAL CONSUMPTION, BUT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO HOLD ANNOUNCEMENT
UNTIL WE SEE HOW GOC HANDLES THIS GOOF. END COMMENT.
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